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In re application of:

COLMAN *et al.*

Appl. No.: *to be assigned*

(Cont. of 09/475,674; Filed December 30, 1999)

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For: **Method of Preparing a Somatic Cell
for Nuclear Transfer**

Art Unit: *to be assigned*

Examiner: *to be assigned*

Atty Docket: 1966.0020003/EKS/BJD/FRC

Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for consideration. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and MPEP 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: “Version with markings to show changes made.”

Amendments

Kindly enter the following amendments.

In the Title

On page 1, line 1, please delete "METHODS" and insert the following therefor:

METHOD OF PREPARING A SOMATIC CELL FOR NUCLEAR TRANSFER

In the Specification:

Immediately prior to the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3, please insert the following caption and paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/475,674, filed December 30, 1999, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/128,544, filed April 9, 1999. This application also claims priority to Great Britain Patent Application No. 9905033.8, filed March 4, 1999, and to Great Britain Patent Application No. 9917023.5, filed July 20, 1999. The contents of the foregoing U.S. and Great Britain patent applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-61 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Remarks

I. Status of the Claims

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claim 1 is pending in the application. Claims 2-61 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

II. Support for the Amendment to the Specification

Applicants have inserted a paragraph entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Applications." Support for the amendment can be found, *inter alia*, in the Declaration from the parent application (09/475,674), a copy of which is submitted herewith.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments to the specification and claims and the above comments, it is believed that the present application is now in condition for immediate examination. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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